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SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS AMNESTY

1. AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL HAS STATED TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF A U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP THAT THERE MAY BE NO CHRISTMAS AMNESTY IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, AJA ESPIL SAID THAT INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED NOT TO GRANT AN AMNESTY.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY MAY HAVE CONCERNING GOA PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS AMNESTY. IF THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT AMNESTY MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO POSSIBLE REASONS FOR SUCH ACTION. CHRISTOPHER

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